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RESPONSE TO ACTION DATED DECEMBER 26, 2000

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for use in a distributed system for processing a mobile program that has the ability to move from node to node in the distributed system comprising

in an operating environment in each of the nodes, providing service facilities useful to the mobile program, and

in the operating environment, in each of the nodes, running a supervisor process that allows the mobile program indirect access to make use of the service facilities.
2. (Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising creating a bastion object in [the] an unrestricted environment to protect the unrestricted environment and passing it into a restricted environment within which the mobile program is running.
3. (Amended) The method of claim 2 in which the bastion object provides an interface for the mobile program to access the service facilities in a safe manner and which is substantially the same interface as the interface that the service facilities provide in the unrestricted environment.

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